United Nations S/2012/810

Security Council

Distr.: General
6 November 2012

Original: English

Identical letters dated 5 November 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I write to draw your attention to an alarming development in our region.

On 2 November 2012 — in the midst of fighting between Syrian security forces and other armed elements near the Syrian villages of Beer Ajam and Barika — Syrian tanks crossed into the area of separation under the 1974 Separation of Forces Agreement between Israel and Syria. As I write this letter, the tanks remain in this area. Just today, gunfire from the Syrian side of the border struck an Israeli patrol.

The actions of the Syrian forces are a grave violation of the 1974 Separation of Forces Agreement between Israel and Syria. This represents a dangerous escalation that could have far-reaching implications for the security and stability of our region.

This is not the first time that we have witnessed Syrian violations of this agreement in recent months. On 28 July 2012, Syrian forces crossed into the area of separation. On 25 September 2012, the Syrian forces fired mortars that exploded in the area of separation.

In the face of these continued violations, Israel has shown maximum restraint. However, Israel views the continued violations of the Separation of Forces Agreement by the Syrian military forces with the utmost concern. The international community and the Security Council should address this alarming development without delay to prevent further escalation.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Ron **Prosor**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

12-57578 (E) 071112

Please recycle